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Title: Need to strengthen the Public Distribution System as well universalization of Public Distribution System in the Country.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government, through you, Sir, to a very important matter regarding the public distribution system.

Yesterday, thousands and thousands of fair price shop dealers marched on the streets of the capital of India, Delhi, and placed 18-point demands to the Prime Minister. One of their main demands is the univerzalisation of the public distribution system. Not only that, they said that the system for fixing the minimum support price should be reviewed and also the public distribution system should be strengthened. Now-a-days, the public distribution system is getting weakened day by day all over the country. The Government should take this matter seriously. The health of the outlets of the public distribution system is in a bad shape. Hence, I would like to request the Government to set up a special Commission to deal with the matters regarding the public distribution system, regarding the outlets of the public distribution system and also regarding the demand for universalization of the public distribution system.